STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL, INC. FOR A COMPULSORY POOLING ORDER SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE: 959

APPLICATION

COMES NOW, MERIDIAN OIL, INC., by and through its attorneys, Campbell & Black, P.A., and in accordance with Section 70-2-17(c) NMSA (1978) applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order pooling all mineral interest in the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the E/2 of Section 8, T30N, R9W, San Juan County, New Mexico. The above described unit is to be dedicated to its Pierce Com #251 Well to be drilled to a depth of approximately 2950 feet at standard well location in said Section 8, and in support thereof would show:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the E/2 of Section 8, T30N R9W.
- 2. Applicant desires to drill a well at a standard location in the NE/4 NE/4 of the Section 8.

- 3. Applicant, has sought a voluntary agreement with all those parties shown on Exhibit "A" for the formation of appropriate spacing and proration unit as shown on Exhibit B for the drilling of the subject well but has been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement.
- 4. Pursuant to the Division notice requirements, applicant has notified all those parties shown on Exhibit "A" of this application for compulsory pooling and the applicant's request for a hearing before the Division to be set on November 22, 1988.
- 5. In order to obtain its just and equitable share of the potential production underlying the above tract, applicant needs an order pooling the mineral interests involved in order to protect applicant's correlative rights and prevent waste.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order pooling the mineral interest described herein. Applicant further prays that it be named operator of the well, and that the order make provisions for applicant to recover out of production its costs of drilling, completing and equipping the subject well, costs of operation, including costs of supervision, and a risk factor in the amount of 200% for the drilling and completing of the well, for such other and further relief as may be proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement dated August 1, 1988, by and between MERIDIAN OIL INC., as Operator, and the Signatory Parties Thereto, as Non-Operators.

I. LANDS SUBJECT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT:

Township 30 North, Range 9 West

Section 8: E/2

II. RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY, AS TO DEPTHS OR FORMATIONS:

This Agreement shall cover from the surface to the base of the Fruitland Formation.

III. ADDRESSES AND PERCENTAGES OR FRACTIONAL INTERESTS OF PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT:

Meridian Oil Inc. c/o Land Department Meridian Oil Production Inc. P.O. Box 4289 Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289 Operator

El Paso Production Company c/o Land Department Meridian Oil Production Inc. P.O. Box 4289 Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289 75.00%

Amoco Production Company Attention: Joint Interest Post Office Box 800 Denver, Colorado 80201 25.00%

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| | AMU CO - FEDERAL 80.00 ACS |
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= UNIT LINE = LEASE LINE

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY - 75.00% AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY - 25.00%